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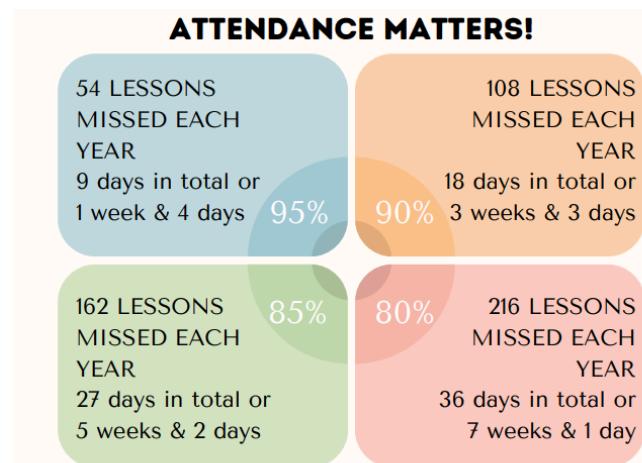
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Set an alarm clock.
- Turn off all electronics including TV's, cell phones, tablets at bedtime
- Have a central location to charge electronic devices located away from sleeping areas
- Bathe or shower in the evening
- Lay out clothes and pack backpack the night before
- Walk to school or the bus stop with another child who is always on time
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Some complaints could be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school support staff, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her more comfortable and excited about learn



What are the possible consequences of poor school attendance on students?

Missing school may result in:

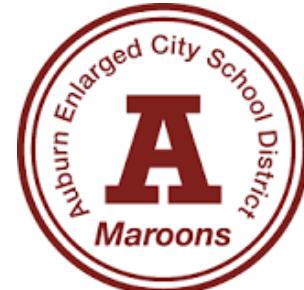
- Poor work habits
- Miss out on essential reading and math skills
- Lower grades/loss of credit
- Frustration in learning
- Lower self-esteem
- Lack of self-discipline
- Unsupervised activities
- Potential criminal activity and drop out



What does your attendance figure actually mean?

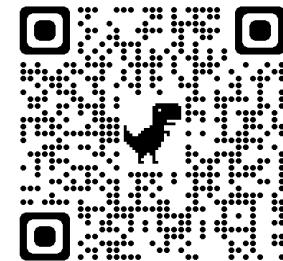
Auburn Enlarged City School District Contact information:

Auburn High School	255-8301
Auburn Junior High School	255-8480
Casey Park Elementary	255-8760
Genesee Elementary	255-8640
Herman Elementary	255-8680
Owasco Elementary	255-8720
Seward Elementary	255-8600



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Parent Guide



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Regular school attendance: why it's so important

Going to school regularly is important to your child's future. If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental math and reading skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers. Research suggests that children that attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behavior or crime.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



Preventing your child from missing school: what you can do

-  **Find out what day school starts** and make sure your child has the required shots.
-  **Build regular routines** for bed time and the morning.
-  **Talk about the importance of regular attendance** and about how your child feels about school.
-  **Don't permit missing school** unless your child is truly sick. Use a thermometer to check for a fever. Remember that stomach aches and headaches may be signs of anxiety.
-  **Avoid medical appointments and extended trips** when school is in session.
-  **Keep a chart** recording your child's attendance at home. At the end of the week, talk with your child about what you see.
-  **Develop back up plans** for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help.
-  **Seek support** from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems, or no safe path to school.

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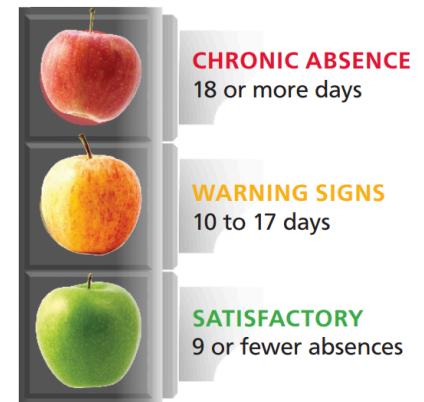
School attendance and absence: the law

By law, all children of compulsory school age (six years old by December 1st to 16 years old) must receive a suitable full-time education. Parents are legally responsible for making sure they regularly attend.

School initiatives

The Auburn Enlarged City School District is regularly tracking student attendance and following up with phone calls, letters, meetings & home visits. The school's priority is to help assist families and students improve attendance to achieve academic success. The school may also offer referrals to local community services for additional support, such as FAST (Families Access to Services Team).

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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Support on school attendance

There are many different issues which can affect school attendance.

Examples include problems with:

- housing or care arrangements
- transport to and from school
- bullying
- work and money

If your child starts missing school, there may be a problem which you are not aware of. Ask your child first, then approach their teacher, principal or support staff.

If school interventions prove unsuccessful in improving your child's attendance, the District might involve other services. A referral may be made to the RCM (Restorative Case Management) Program through FAST and/or the Cayuga County Health & Human Services Child Protective Unit for educational neglect issues.

